

**MACo DISTRICT 8, 9 & 12**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2006**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM – CITY-COUNTY BUILDING**  
**414 EAST CALLENDER, LIVINGSTON, MT**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

- 1) Jim Durgan and Bernie Lucas opened the meeting and conducted roll call. The following counties were present:

<u>District 8</u>	<u>District 9</u>	<u>District 12</u>
√ Broadwater Co.	√ Gallatin Co.	Anaconda – DL Co.
Jefferson Co.	√ Meagher Co.	√ Beaverhead Co.
√ Lewis & Clark Co.	√ Park Co.	Butte-Silver Bow Co.
		√ Granite Co.
		√ Madison County
		Powell County

- 2) District & County Resolutions
- Lewis & Clark County presented a resolution supporting Access to the Legislature, which would televise legislative proceedings. It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.
  - Lewis and Clark County introduced a resolution to endorse the “Imagery for the Nation” proposal. It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.
  - Gallatin County introduced a resolution to raise the cap on the amount a county can borrow without voter approval. It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.
  - Gallatin County introduced a resolution proposing an occupancy permit and fee. It was moved and seconded to accept the resolution. Following discussion, it was moved and seconded to amend the proposed fee to \$35. Motion carried.
  - Vic Miller and Bob Buzzas from the HRDC’s, discussed the resolution passed in May on the proposed Summer Youth Employment Program.
- 3) Risk Management Report – Ray Barnicoat, MACo Risk Manager announced this would be his last district meeting, as he would be retiring at the end of December. He was thanked and acknowledged for his services over the past 20 years.
- 4) Executive Directors Report – Harold Blattie, MACo Executive Director & Sheryl Wood, MACo Associate Director
- MACo Resolutions – Harold and Sheryl reported on the MACo Resolutions submitted to date. There was extensive discussion regarding the Stream Access bill, with modifications proposed by Madison County.

- b. Legislative & Interim Committee Reports Harold and Sheryl reported on the work of the Legislative Interim Committees and proposed legislation being brought forward by the Committees
  - c. MACo staffing – Harold reported that Marie McAlear, MACo Information Officer had retired, and the Association was advertising to fill the two vacancies – Marie's and the Administrative Assistant.
  - d. MACo Annual Meeting Vendor & Sponsorship Program – Sheryl presented the packet with the new program, designed to increase sponsors and vendors to offset conference costs and help keep both registration fees and member dues from increasing. She asked all counties to download the packet from the MACo website and contact their vendors to ask for their support.
- 5) Other District Issues –
- a. Doug Kaercher, MACo President reported that he would be testifying before congress on Essential Air Service to retain the critical funding for the program.
  - b. John Prinkki, MACo 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President reported that there is involvement by the electric coops on the proposed hydro-generation plant in Great Falls. He ask counties to support the legislation.  
John also reported on the status of transitioning administration of the Health Care Trust into MACo.
- 6) Northern Lights Transmission – Bud Anderson, Siting and Permitting Coordinator for Northern Lights Transmission gave an overview presentation on their Inland Project.